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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW IL-1520 - RADIO RELAY
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV(74) 1520/1

B. COCOM DOC REV(74) 1520/2

C. STATE 64605

SUMMARY: THE US OBJECTED TO THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO DELETE RADIO RELAY COMMUNICATION FROM EMBARGO BUT AGREED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION (AN) TREATMENT FOR GROUND MOBILE RADIO AND TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT. THE REMAINING ISSUES CENTERED ON THE DESIRE OF THE OTHER COCOM MEMBERS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN TELEVISION EQUIPMENT FROM EMBARGO AND PERMIT EXPORT OF TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION NOTE. THE US ALONE RESERVED IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE FORMER UNDER AN AND THE LATTER UNDER FULL EMBARGO. ACTION REQUESTED: RECONSIDERATION OF THOSE POINTS ON WHICH THE US IS FRUSTATING THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY AND FORMULATION OF A FINAL US POSITION WITH JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE IN A MEMORANDUM AT AN EARLY DATE. END SUMMARY

1. DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 24 OPENED WITH US OBJECTION TO
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THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE ITEM. RESERVES WERE

FILED BY ITALY, FRANCE AND, BY IMPLICATION, THE UK.
OTHERS WERE OPEN MINDED OR VOTED FOR THE MAJORITY.
CANADA HAD ARGUED THAT THE WESTERN LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY
ON RADIO RELAY HAS REACHED THE EASTERN BLOC. BUDAVOX OF
HUNGARY HAS OFFERED LICENSES TO CANADA FOR 1800 CHANNEL
EQUIPMENT AND IS DELIVERING THE SAME CAPACITY TO INDIA
LATER TO BE AUGMENTED TO 2700 CHANNELS.

2. ATTENTION TURNED TO THE UK PROPOSAL (B) CONTAINED
IN REF. B TO WHICH ALL DELEGATIONS AGREED. THE US ALONE
RESERVED ON (B) (I) AND (II) IN FAVOR OF RETAINING
THEM UNDER AN. ONE UK REPRESENTATIVE STATED HIS OPINION
THAT THE QUALITY OF SOVIET TV BROADCASTING SIGNAL IS
BETTER THAN THAT OF THE US. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS
JOINED THE UK IN CHALLENGING THE US TO ESTABLISH A
STRATEGIC USE FOR THE EQUIPMENT WHICH THEY WISHED TO
EXCLUDE IN (B). THE ONLY US REJOINDER POSSIBLE WAS THAT
AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WE WISHED TO PROTECT TECH-
NOLOGY THEREBY PROMPTING THE UK TO SUGGEST A TECHNOLOGY
NOTE SIMILAR TO THAT IN IL 1564 AND TO OBSERVE THAT THE
OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THEIR PO-
SITIONS FOR A FULL YEAR. WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED, SAID
THE UK, IS FOR THE US AUTHORITIES TO CONSIDER OTHER
DELEGATIONS ARGUMENTS CAREFULLY.

3. OTHER DELS ALSO FAILED TO APPRECIATE THE US RE-
SERVATION TO THE REVISED UK FORMAT FOR AN AN ON (A),
TROPOSCATTER. ALL DELS EXCEPT ITALY, WHICH WAS

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WITHOUT AN EXPERT PRESENT, PRESSED THE US TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT REVELATION OF A SPECIFIC CIVIL SITE WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE NEW NOTE.

4. NOTE 2 (A) AND (B) ACHIEVED UNANIMOUS AD REF AGREEMENT AFTER IT WAS ADJUSTED, AS INDICATED IN DOC. REV (74) 1520/WP2, AS FOLLOWS: (A) REPLACE "OPERATING AT A FIXED FREQUENCY" BY "EMPLOYING NOT MORE THAN 20 MANUALLY SWITCHED FREQUENCIES ALLOCATED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY THE ITU." (B) INSERT "AND DESIGNED FOR USE "BETWEEN" CIVIL AUTHORITIES "AND" AT".

5. JAPAN ASKED THAT DISCUSSION BE DEFERRED BECAUSE INFORMATION WAS UNAVAILABLE WHEN THE US INQUIRED ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE FORMER'S PROPOSED NOTE 3 FOR METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE EQUIPMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO LIFT US AD REFS BEFORE THE END OF ROUND II IF POSSIBLE. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE STUDY OF A POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGY NOTE, OR FULL US AGREEMENT ON (B). ADDITIONALLY, INASMUCH AS THE MOST DIRECTLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AGENCIES ARE KNOWN TO FAVOR RELEASE OF TROPOSCATTER UNDER AN, THAT THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PROVIDE EDAC WITH A CONSOLIDATED VIEW ON WHETHER NOTE 1 MAY IN FACT BE DESIREABLE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THEM. A FINAL US POSITION SHOULD BE FILED AT AN EARLY DATE BY MEMO TO THE COMMITTEE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DESPITE THE RADICAL APPEARANCE OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR WHICH OBJECTION WAS ANTICIPATED BY CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRACTICAL STATE OF THE RADIO RELAY ART AT 2700 CHANNELS IS A SWEDISH TECHNOLOGY IMPORTED INTO THE US AND JAPAN. THEREFORE, ABSENCE OF ANY REALLY ENFORCEABLE CONTROL, TOGETHER WITH THE PREFERENCE OF SOME US AGENCIES THAT RADIO RELAY RATHER THAN CABLE COMMUNICATIONS BE EXPORTED TO THE BLOC, SUGGESTS THAT AGREEMENT TO DELETION OF IL 1520 MIGHT BE IN THE OVERALL INTERESTS OF THE US, IF NOT IN THIS LIST REVIEW THEN DURING THE NEXT.
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